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SUBJECT: PAUL SOROS
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There is transmitted a clipping from the "Hill News", St. Lawrence University campus publication, reflecting the presence of PAUL SOROS, a Hungarian, at St. Lawrence University.

There is no record of this individual in this office, and there is no information reflecting on his activities. It is noted however the article reports his visa expires in April, apparently 1949, and that he left Hungary in 1948 at which time it is believed it was under the control of the USSR, apparently with a passport since a visa was issued.

In the event the Bureau has any information relative to this individual which would indicate an investigation should be conducted, it is assumed that this office will be advised. No action is being taken in the absence of instructions.

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Paul Soros, Hungarian Olympian, Avoided Reds, Attracted to Slu Hills

By Andy Doty

A touch of central European flavor as well as new hope for future ski meets was injected into the St. Lawrence University slat squad this winter upon the arrival here of Paul Soros, able Hungarian Olympic ski team member, and engineering student.

The twenty-two year old Hungarian youth, who has had a rich and varied past, comes to SLU from Columbia University, where he enrolled last fall for graduate work. While at Columbia, Paul was scanning a ski magazine one day when he ran across an article on skiing at St. Lawrence, pictures and the word that Otto Schniebs was to coach the Larry team this year. Without further hesitation, he wrote Otto, asked him of skiing here, and consequently found himself enrolled in the upstate school this February.

Paul took up skiing very young, and quite naturally. He skied in high school, at an engineering high school, and in his hometown of Budapest, where he attended an engineering university. Soccer and tennis also appealed to him while there.

In 1944 Paul was in the Hungarian army, and the Russians were hammering on the eastern front while the Americans and British were established in France. At that time he heard a BBC broadcast and realized that the war would soon be over, so he parted company with the Hungarian armed services and went back to Budapest, where he lived for nine months under different papers.

After a four month siege of Budapest, the Russians killed all available Germans and rounded up Hungarian youths on the streets, sending thousands of them back to the Ukraine for safe-keeping. While in a depot ready for shipment, he and four others tried to escape. Three of the men were killed, but Soros and a companion won their freedom. Paul hid in a ruined building for some time, then returned

to Budapest, where he kept under cover until the Russians withdrew from Hungary in 1945.

His pre-war skiing had won him a reputation in Hungary, and when an Olympic squad was formed in 1945, he won a berth on the team. At that time he was the Hungarian intercollegiate champion in the Alpine combined as well as national champion in that field. As a member of the Hungarian group, he went to Austria in early 1948, and from there decided to go on to other countries, refusing to return to the Soviet-controlled Hungary.

Eight months later, after much bickering, Paul arrived in the United States and enrolled at Columbia. Tiny, ski-minded St. Lawrence then attracted him, and he found a place on the team soon after our own winter carnival.

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He believes the Larry squad is a good one, hampered by lack of snow for practice and by many streaks of bad luck during the season. Paul had his share of bad breaks during the campaign, too. At his first U. S. meet at McGill two weeks ago, he was headed for a record run in the downhill when he was forced to travel over a patch of ice to avoid hitting a crowd of spectators near the finish line. As a result, he lost 12 full seconds and finished 35th.

Commenting on Ray McIntyre, Paul rated him as "top-notch", stating that he would do well in any level. Coach Schniebs also drew his praise; "we never had a coach like him before," he relates admiringly.

As for the future, further graduate engineering work is his aim, but the fact that his visa expires in April causes him some concern. He fears to return to Hungary, he says, because "they will put me on trial for being a helper of the war-mongers and capitalists. You can't tell what they would do. I'd rather stay here," he concluded. And you can't blame him, for

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